



Mary Dean's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots of news and information this week.... Read on!

### Retirement

At the end of this term we will bid a sad farewell to Mrs Lennox. After many years at our school, Mrs Lennox is going to retire from school life. I know many of you have had been the recipients of Mrs Lennox' kindness and wisdom over the years and will join us in our reluctance to let her go!



We are currently in the process of recruiting a suitable person to take on Mrs Lennox' role in January 2022, and will let you know when the new person has been selected.



### Flu Immunisations

Flu immunisations will be arranged in school for children from Reception to Year 6. The immunisation takes the form of nasal drops. We expect the immunisations to take place at the end of November, so please keep an eye out for the consent forms. This immunisation will help to keep your children well during the winter and hopefully avoid excessive absence from school.

### Royal British Legion – 100 Years.

To mark the centenary of the Royal British Legion, children will be invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. We will also be running a poppy design competition - watch this space for further details.



### Medical Forms

Mrs Jane is still awaiting some medical forms to be updated. If your child takes any medication, please make sure you come to the school office and update the form. Thank you.

### Reading Workshops

We are planning on inviting parents in to hear some information about reading in school at 3.30 on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October** and to watch reading and phonics lessons on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. A letter with full details will be with you early next week.

### Reading Corner

#### The importance of a story at bedtime:

One story, every day. 365 books, 220,000 words. Just 10 minutes every night settling down with a story with your child (of any age) can have the most amazing impact on their confidence, vocabulary and general love of reading. Even if they don't do the reading themselves, the benefits are HUGE! Read this blog here about a Dad who made it his new year's resolution to read a bedtime story every single day, no excuses

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/blog/seven-things-i-learned-reading-bedtime-story->

### Harvest and MacMillan

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for Harvest and/or the MacMillan Coffee morning. We were delighted to see some Year 6 parents and carers who were able to join us. I am sure the Food Bank will be overjoyed to receive so many donations as a result of your generosity.

## **Cream Tea and Church Service**

St Mary's Church will be holding a cream tea in the Church Hall on Sunday 3rd October from 3.0pm.

This will be a great opportunity to see the newly refitted kitchen which now makes the hall a great place for any social gatherings you might be considering.

The tea will be followed at 4.30pm by a Praise Service to give thanks for the end of lockdown.

Everyone is welcome to the tea or the service or hopefully both.

## **Office work**

The school office is an incredibly busy place and we are always seeking volunteers who would like to learn more about how the office works.

If you are someone looking for experience with perhaps a view to taking on work of this type, please let us know.

Thank you.

## **Clean Air Campaign**

Some of you will have noticed filming happening outside school on Friday morning. We are working with Sustrans on reducing the amount of traffic and fumes outside our school. The impact of fumes on children can be enormous and anything we can do to reduce this has to be good for their lungs and general health.

I wish you all a super weekend and look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

*Mrs T Jones*

Head Teacher.

